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John Elliff called on the following subjects:

Leahy-Cohen-Bentsen-Hollings-McConnell Reciprocity Legislation

John wanted to know what our position is. Bernie McMahon has apparently picked up through NSC contacts that the Administration is discussing some major diplomatic moves vis-a-vis the Soviets. I told John our position was to defer to the State Department who we assumed would be giving the Administration's position. Elliff seemed satisfied with that. He believes this issue will be pushed by SSCI to Senate Foreign Relations for final resolution.

DIA Proprietary Authority

Elliff says there are two issues on this subject. Half the people are wondering why CIA cannot simply support DIA needs. The other half do not believe DIA has any serious need for proprietary operations and believe where there is a requirement, it ought to be an Agency requirement. John thinks SSCI will eventually hold a hearing on this. I told John we saw real difficulties in actively supporting DIA.

SSCI Hearing Schedule

John said Bernie McMahon has proposed that SSCI begin a regular hearing schedule that would involve a recurring Wednesday morning current intelligence briefing based on the DIA format for the Secretary's briefing. This would be followed every Wednesday by a substantive briefing in depth on a current topic of interest. In addition, at other times each week, the Committee would hold hearings on Intelligence Community capabilities and issues--how well the whole system is working. This proposal is in draft for Committee discussion.

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